

(a) whether the Government propose to grant representation to farmers organisations in the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) The present composition of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, reconstituted in 1989, is quite exhaustive and the farmers interests are adequately represented.

Laying of Gas Pipe line in Bihar

4592. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to lay a pipe line for supply of natural gas in Bihar for its industrial development; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of Cereals

4593. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of cereals state-wise during the last three years;

(b) whether production of cereals has recorded a down-ward trend during the above period; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase cereal production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A statement giving the production of total cereals-State-wise during the last three years ending 1990-91 is attached.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Government is, making concerted efforts to increase cereal production in the country. The steps being taken to increase the cereal production in the country include implementation of Integrated Programme of Rice Development (IPRD), Special Foodgrain Production Programme (SFPP) - wheat, Maize and Millets, expansion of area under location specific high yielding varieties, distribution of minikits of quality seeds, increased and efficient use of fertilizers, propagation of adoption of rainfed farming technology, efficient use of irrigation, adequate plant protection measures, marketing and price support etc.